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THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Robert F. Bennett
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-4403

Dear Senator Bennett:

Shortly after the tragic events of September 11, you requested additional funds to enhance security at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. After careful review, the Office of Management and Budget concurs with your view and has recommended to the President that he include resources in an upcoming request to Congress.

Accordingly, when the President submits to Congress a 15 day notification for expenditure of funds, it will include \$20 million for the Department of Defense to respond to the enhanced security needs. Drawing an estimated 3,700 athletes, officials from 80 nations, and over 70,000 visitors per day from around the world, these Olympic Games will be one of the largest peacetime events in the history of the United States. This event will attract over 13,000 members of the worldwide media, and approximately 3.2 billion viewers will watch the games via television broadcasts. It is critical that the United States is adequately prepared to provide the appropriate level of security for this event, and I believe that these additional resources will allow us to respond appropriately.

I commend you for your work as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee in assuring that the federal agencies are able to carry out their security charges. The President is grateful for your efforts to bring this matter to his attention and wants to assure you of his continued support of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Games. We all pledge our support for a safe and successful Olympic celebration.

Sincerely,

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director